



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Race (P-6)

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

6 What is this person's race? *Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.*

<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native – <i>Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan
	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – <i>Print race below.</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Some other race – <i>Print race below.</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – <i>Print race.</i>	

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT RACE

- The Federal Reserve uses these data to prepare public disclosure statements and reports on mortgage lending.
- The Department of Justice uses these data in enforcing nondiscrimination in employment.
- The Department of Education uses these data for distributing funds to historically black colleges and universities.
- Community organizations use these data to set up child and elderly programs and to conduct voter registration drives.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT RACE

- Telecommunications Act of 1996
- Public Health Services Act
- Fair Housing Act
- Voting Rights Act

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HISTORY OF THE RACE QUESTION

- The question on race was first asked in 1790.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The race classifications used by the U.S. Census Bureau adhere to the October 1997 revised standards for the classification of federal data on race and ethnicity issued by the Office of Management and Budget. These standards govern the categories used to collect and publish federal data on race and ethnicity. Each answer provided by a respondent represents self-classification according to the race and races with which the individual most closely identifies. This question includes both racial and national origin or sociocultural groups and collects information which reflects the increasing racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. population.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at

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